

Iowa Department of Education



ComServ Iowa
2007 Grantee List

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PURPOSE

“ComServ Iowa” is a grant program designed to provide funds for local school districts and adult volunteer organizations interested in developing or expanding community service-learning opportunities for teachers, administrators and students. Service-learning is defined as **a method of teaching and learning which engages students in solving problems and addressing issues in their school and greater community as part of the academic curriculum.** Funds available under ComServ Iowa will be used for the following purposes: to connect the academic curriculum with community service-learning and provide a meaningful context for learning; to develop pilot projects throughout the state that can be replicated at other sites; to build a statewide network of service-learning programs, activities, information and opportunities for youth service; and, to increase the quality and availability of opportunities for youth service; and, to increase the quality and availability of opportunities for youth to serve others.

SOURCE

The National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 created Learn and Serve America School Based programs for state departments of education and institutions of higher education. Under this Act, the Iowa Department of Education created the ComServ Iowa program to fund local school districts and adult volunteer organizations interested in developing and expanding service opportunities for young people. During fiscal year 2007, a total of 24 grant requests were received requesting over \$190,828 in financial assistance. Of these grant requests, a total of \$161,328 was allocated for distribution to local school districts and a total of 20 local school district grants were awarded. These 20 grants were distributed in the following categories and numbers:

15 District Wide (DW) grants
5 Building Level (BL) grants

Funds received for service-learning will further what a student learns in the classroom and will mobilize approximately 5,000 -8,000 students in 2007 as they learn about providing service to their school or greater community in grades K-12.



Service Learning

Overview

What's It All About

Service-learning supports school-based activities that get youth involved in their communities. Young people become involved in service as a means of not only helping others, but also of enriching their academic learning experience, fostering personal growth, and developing the skills needed to become productive citizens.

Service-learning goes beyond aiding those in need. It emphasizes the educational value of experience-based learning and thoughtful reflection on the service activity. Service-learning allows students to apply personal experience to academic knowledge.

How Does It Affect The School?

Through service-learning, the doors of communication open between students, teachers, and administrators. They all work together to set goals, designate responsibilities and create strategic plan. Within the realm of service-learning, the students create programs that interest them and help others. The teachers then act as facilitators of the ideas generated by the students. Administrators continue the communication process by interacting with the students on a one-to-one basis.

This communication and interaction creates an environment within the school that is caring, positive and beneficial to everyone involved. Stronger, more understanding relationships are formed between students and teachers. Administrator and community leaders see youngsters doing things that benefit society.

How Does It Affect The Community?

By being involved with service-learning, students become active participants within their communities. Their efforts address and meet local needs in the areas of education, public safety, human service and the environment.

Service-learning brings community leaders and schools closer together and contributes to a higher quality of life for everyone. By working as a team, our youth, our schools, and our communities benefit.

What Service-Learning does:

- Identifies and researches local needs or issues
- Combines academic curriculum with service
- Invites collaboration with school and community-based organizations
- Motivates students to make a difference in their communities
- Encourages students to think about and address real-life situations
- Develops responsible citizens
- Fosters a sense of caring for others

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District Wide (15)
&
Building Level (5)

Grant Awards Listings (20)

January 2007 – December 2007

**ComServ Iowa 2007
School District-District Wide (DW)
Grantee Budget Worksheet
January 2007-December 2007**

Community School District Name	Contact Person First Name	Contact Person Last Name	Phone	E-mail	AEA	Order Received (Grant #)	Grant Request Amount	Final Grant Award Amount
Lamoni	Shirley	Kessel	641-784-3342	lskessel@grm.net	14	15	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Southeast Polk	Kristine	Condon	515-957-3407	condonk@se-polk.k12.ia.us	11	24	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Des Moines	David	Johns	515-242-7947	david.johns@dmps.k12.ia.us	11	20	\$ 9,944.00	\$ 9,944.00
Davenport	Rachael	Mullins	563-336-5007	mullinsr@davenportschools.org	9	18	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Central Decatur	Gene	Olsen	641-446-4816	olseng@central-decatur.k12.ia.us	14	16	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Van Buren	Vicki	Shepard	319-293-3334	shepardv@aea15.k12.ia.us	15	2	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Corning	Mike	Wells	641-322-4242	mwells@corning.k12.ia.us	14	4	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Iowa Falls	Patricia	Phipps	641-648-6440	pphipps@iowa-falls.k12.ia.us	267	9	\$ 7,825.00	\$ 7,825.00
Anita	Kay	Stork	712-762-3231	kstork@anita.k12.ia.us	13	8	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Boone	Barb	MacDougall	515-433-0860	bmacdougall@boone.k12.ia.us	11	11	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Clearfield	Amy	Whittington	641-336-2353	awhittington@aea14.k12.ia.us	14	6	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Urbandale	Greg	Carenza	515-457-5101	carenzag@urbandale.k12.ia.us	11	12	\$ 7,805.00	\$ 7,805.00
Waterloo	Michelle	Temeyer	319-433-1842	temeyerm@waterloo.k12.ia.us	267	17	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Mount Ayr	Karen	Taylor	641-464-2343	karen.taylor@mtayr.k12.ia.us	14	5	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,164.00
Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn	Renea	Ogren	712-376-4171	rogren@marcus-mer-cleg.k12.ia.us	12	7	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
						Total	\$ 130,574.00	\$ 128,738.00

**ComServ Iowa 2007
School District-Building Level (BL)
Grantee Budget Worksheet
January 2007-December 2007**

Community School District Name	Contact Person First Name	Contact Person Last Name	Phone	E-mail	AEA	Order Received (Grant #)	Grant Request Amount	Final Grant Award Amount
Spencer	Steven	Barber	712-262-3345	sbarber@spencer.k12.ia.us	8	14	\$ 7,390.00	\$ 7,390.00
Iowa City	Ben	Mosher	319-688-1080	mosher.ben@iccsd.k12.ia.us	10	3	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Panorama	Ronda	Hafner	641-755-2021	rhafner@panorama.k12.ia.us	11	22	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Des Moines	David	Johns	515-242-7947	david.johns@dmps.k12.ia.us	11	21	\$ 4,947.00	\$ 4,947.00
Hampton-Dumont	Tricia	Christiansen	641-456-4893	tchristiansen@hdcsd.org	267	19	\$ 5,253.00	\$ 5,253.00
						Total	\$ 32,590.00	\$ 32,590.00